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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3633

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Examiner: **HERRING, Brent W.**

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For: **SHEARING FORCE REINFORCED STRUCTURE AND MEMBER**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED July 16, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 8, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **July 16, 2008**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying Species I. Claims reading on this species are as follows:

FIG.1, claims 1, 3-7 and 20-25;

FIGS. 2A-2B, claim 1;

FIGS. 4A-4G, claims 1, 3, 4 and 20-25;

FIG. 5, claims 1-7 and 20-25;

FIGS. 6A-6B, claims 1-7 and 20-25;

FIG. 7, claims 1, 3 and 5-7;

FIG. 8, claims 1 and 3;

FIG. 16A, claims 1-7, 20, 21 and 25;

FIG. 18, claims 1, 3, 4, 20, 21 and 25;

FIG. 19, claims 1-7, 20, 21 and 25;

FIGS. 20A-20B, claims 1-7, 20, 21 and 25;

FIG. 21, claims 1-7, 10-15 and 17; and

FIGS. 22A-22B, claims 1-7, 17 and 20.

The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

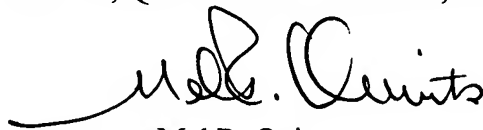
The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims 1-7, 10-15, 17, 20-25 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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